

# NoVA Lotus Car Club Notes & Calendar

Northern Virginia's Club for Lotus enthusiasts

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## Spring 2016 Get Your Lotus Out: GYLO 11



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The 2016 Spring Get Your Lotus Out event, GYLO 11, had a false start. Originally scheduled for the first Sunday in May, the weather this year caused us to postpone for the first time ever. In a spring that has had nothing but cold and rain, we began to wonder if we would ever get this event done. When we finally scheduled GYLO 11 for the last Sunday in May (May 29th), we held our breath.

As always, the faithful came out. We had 29 Lotus show up, with the same enthusiasm and variety of cars that make this such a special event. Of course, we had Elises. As by-far the most prolific Lotus ever, we can count on a lot of Elises. We also had Exiges, Esprits, Evoras, Sevens... and a 340R!

If you've never seen a 340R, you're not alone. Made by Lotus in 2000, and based on the S1 Elise, only 340 were made, worldwide. While the 340R is road-legal in England, its real home is the track. With no top, nor windows at all, it's a spartan machine. The engine is the Rover-based K-series engine, in 190hp tune, also found in the S1 Elise Sport 190. For those that drove their car on the road, Lotus actually made available a jacket you could plug into the lighter plug, to keep you warm!

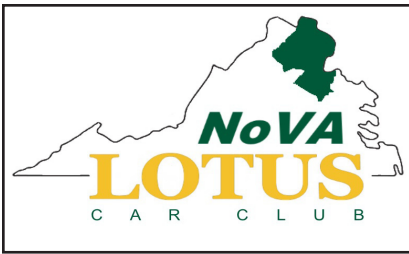
As luck would have it, we had good weather all morning at GYLO 11, with temps in the mid-80's, and an occasional breeze. We had a popular vote for 'Favorite Lotus', with prizes going to the following –

1st Place – Rashid Hedges' Elise

2nd Place – a tie, between Mark Chi's 340R and Norm Beaver's Caterham 7

3rd Place – Duncan and Rochel Black's V8 Esprit

Because several generous members brought extra prizes, we had a drawing for a few extra goodies, and still managed to be finished on time for our scheduled 11:00AM drive to Quattro Goomba's Winery. (continued on next page)



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## *GYLO 11: Continued*

It was a great day for the 30 minute drive to Aldie, VA, and Quattro Goomba's Winery. Timing was near-perfect, as there was a private event at the venue, so they opened right at Noon. NoVA Lotus 'appropriated' the front porch of the house, where we enjoyed pizza and wine slushies.

We are always looking for ways to make our events better; please let us know what we should add, or remove, to make our club events better. Presently, we are organizing a drive to lunch at the Blackthorne Inn on Sunday, July 10th. We have done this venue a couple of times before, in the fall. We always have people that have something to do, before or after our events. I am hoping that, if we simply distribute a map beforehand, and identify a gathering place, those who want to do a group drive will show up, and those who prefer can drive there via the highway, and meet us at the restaurant. RSVP to my email by July 5th, with the number in your party. I will reserve a room if we have our usual good number of people. If we get RSVPs from 6 attendees or less, we will not bother reserving a room.

## NoVA Lotus Calendar Of Events:

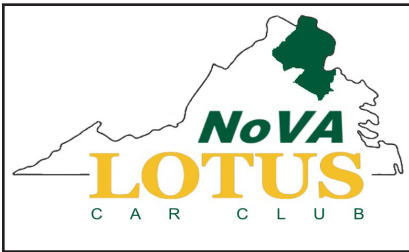
**July 10, 2016 @ 11 am**  
**Meet at Blue Iguana for**  
**drive then lunch at Blackthorne Inn**  
**RSVP to Bob or Mark for more info**

**July 10, 2016**  
**British Invade Gettysburg**  
[www.lancomgclub.com/big.htm](http://www.lancomgclub.com/big.htm)

**Sunday, August 5 to August 7:**  
**Lotus Owners Gathering in Princeton, NJ**  
[www.lotusownersgathering36.com](http://www.lotusownersgathering36.com)







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## **A few words from Mark Franke: NoVA Lotus Club President**

**Folks,**

**It looks like a busy summer coming up. Hopefully everyone's got their car on the road now.**

**We will have a drive to destination event on July 10 to the Blackthorne Inn. This will be a repeat visit for the club. Please think about joining us for great food in a beautiful and historic location. Please RSVP to Bob Collum at [robert\\_collum@hotmail.com](mailto:robert_collum@hotmail.com).**

**On Sunday, July 10, we will meet at the Blue Iguana at Fair Lakes. We will then drive to the Blackthorne Inn ([www/blackthorne-inn.com](http://www/blackthorne-inn.com)) via route 50 past**

**Middleburg. If you want to meet us at the venue, we plan on arriving around 11:45. It's also the great starting off point for drive in the country after lunch.**

**We have finally gotten our logo ready with L.L. Bean. This allows us to order as a group with a pretty significant discount. Classic polo shirts with the Club logo on the left pocket will be \$28. Please go to our website ([novalotusclub.freeforums.net](http://novalotusclub.freeforums.net)) or Facebook page (NoVA Lotus Car Club) to see the logo. For additional details, please visit: [www.llbeanbusiness.com/llbean/product/classic-polo](http://www.llbeanbusiness.com/llbean/product/classic-polo)**

**If you have a friend who has not joined the club. Please give them our website and/or Bob's email address. ([robert\\_collum@hotmail.com](mailto:robert_collum@hotmail.com)) We continue to find folks who have either just purchased a car or have had one forever.**

**This looks like another great year for Northern Virginia Lotus. We are looking forward to a great turnout at our events this year.**

**Look Forward to seeing you soon!**

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